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TWO CENTS.

POWDER PLANT DESTROYED

Official Announcement of Disaster in Kent Is Made in London Today

200 PERSONS WERE KILLED OR INJURED

The Ministry of Munitions Says Fire Was Purely Accidental—Discovered at Midday and Explosions Continued After 2 O'clock.

LONDON, April 4.—The explosion of a powder factory in Kent has caused the death or injury of 200 persons, it was announced officially in London today. The following statement was given out:

"The ministry of munitions reports with regret that during the week-end a serious fire broke out in a powder factory which led to a series of explosions in the works. The fire was purely accidental. It was discovered at midday and the last of the explosions took place shortly after 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The approximate number of casualties is 200."

LOGAN WAS SLAIN AFTER KILLING TWO

Georgia Tragedy Started by Man Whose Wife's Love Had Been Stolen by Two Brothers.

MOULTREE, Ga., April 4.—As the result of an alleged heart affair, in which it is claimed two brothers were "love pirates," three men were killed here in a duel in a barn to which the brothers had been lured by an angry husband. The dead are W. M. Logan, a Moultrie merchant, and Cleve and Jack Calhoun, brothers. Logan started the battle, firing five shots in rapid succession. Two bullets struck Cleve Calhoun and one pierced the heart of his brother. After being mortally wounded, Cleve Calhoun drew his pistol and fired five times at Logan, killing him. Logan charged the Calhoun brothers with abducting his wife's affections. Cleve Calhoun declared that Logan and his wife had quarreled and that, at her request, he and his brother had tried to find her a home, accompanying her at night in search of one.

In Logan's pocket was a note giving directions for his burial.

WAR WILL GO ON.

Chancellor of Exchequer Expects It to Last Through Year.

COLLUSION CHARGED.

Treasury Department Investigating Alleged Big Fraud Tobacco Cases.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Charges that collusion has existed for years between Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, said today it is assumed that the war will last during the whole of the financial year.

Bamboo trees flower once in every 50 years.

Centre Congregational Church

Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock—Christian Endeavor mission study class with Miss Florence Hemenway-Wells, 107 High street.

First Baptist Church

Wednesday, 3 p. m.—Special Boy Scouts trip to Fort Dummer mill.

In Odd Fellows' Temple

At the Temple Wednesday evening, April 5, at 7:45, rehearsal of the Golden Rule degree.

Thursday evening, April 6, at 7:30, regular meeting of Oasis encampment. Golden Rule degree will be conferred on a large class of candidates. All patriots are requested to make a special effort to be present at this meeting in the new temple.

Brooks House Sanitary Barber Shop

5 EXPERT WORKMEN

The Prince of Bootblacks Employed Here

J. H. ALLEN PROP.

TODAY'S WAR SUMMARY

There is a lull in the battle around Verdun following the violent fighting of yesterday by which the French pushed their way back to the northern outskirts of the Caillaux wood between Douaumont and Vaux and gained a footing in the village of Vaux itself. No infantry engagements occurred last night. The French artillery has been notably active, hammering the German positions in the whole sector. The Germans are declared to have made only a feeble response to this bombardment.

Norway, says a Copenhagen despatch, has asked Germany to investigate whether British submarines have been responsible in the sinking of the large number of Norwegian vessels, the loss of which has been reported recently.

In the Argonne region the German lines at Valenciennes have been subjected to a pounding by the French long range guns.

Strong French positions southwest of Douaumont and the Caillaux wood northeast of Verdun have been taken by German troops, the war office at Berlin announced today. The recapture by the British of a mine crater south of Ypres, which the Germans had been occupying, is also recorded in the official statement.

Rome has received wireless reports from Zurich stating that Holland has closed her German frontier and has massed all her available forces there.

OFFICERS CHOSEN BY COUNTRY CLUB

Reports Show Investment of About \$16,000—New Steward and Chef—Cafe Reopened Tomorrow.

The annual meeting of the Brattleboro Country club was held in the Brooks House parlor last evening when the following officers were chosen: Governors, J. G. Estey, G. L. Dunham, F. A. Thompson, Dr. G. R. Anderson, C. A. Boyden, H. C. Rice and J. R. Ryder; secretary, Harold Whitney; treasurer, Clarence E. Merrill. The governors will meet shortly to elect other officers and appoint committees for the ensuing year.

Reports of the president and treasurer showed the club to have an investment of about \$16,000. Its outstanding indebtedness includes a loan of \$5,000 secured by pledges and a floating debt of \$2,500.

Work on the golf course was completed last summer and the expense in connection with it this year will be largely one of upkeep. The new steward and chef at the club house arrived today, and the cafe will be reopened tomorrow.

SEVERAL TOWNS WANT AN ARMORY

An Appropriation of \$25,000 Will Be Available July 1—Several State Board Meetings.

(Special to The Reformer.)

MONTEPELIER, April 4.—The state board of armory commissioners this morning heard representatives of St. Johnsbury, Springfield, Newbury and Northfield, who want an armory. A \$25,000 appropriation for this purpose will become available July 1.

Some 20 or more state officers and commissioners met the state printing board this afternoon with a view to bringing about uniformity, eliminating duplications and cutting down the state's printing bills. The trustees of the permanent school fund also met this afternoon. Milo B. Hillegas, the new state commissioner of education, met here with the state board of education last night.

WILL HOLD PRISONERS.

Great Britain Refuses to Give Up Men Taken from Steamer China.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Great Britain's refusal to release the Germans, Austrians and Turks taken from the steamship China near Shanghai was received today at the state department and will be given out for publication later. The British note is understood to insist upon the right of that government to seize enemy subjects returning to take part in the war.

SUPREME COURT REPORTER.

C. I. Henning of Lancaster Gets New Hampshire Appointment.

CONCORD, N. H., April 4.—Crawford I. Henning of Lancaster was today appointed state supreme court reporter to succeed John H. Riddell of Manchester, who died two weeks ago.

EXPLOSION AT WOBURN.

Two Men Injured in Factory of the Merrimac Chemical Co.

WOBURN, Mass., April 4.—Two workmen were injured today in an explosion which wrecked a building used for the manufacture of soda at the plant of the Merrimac Chemical company.

All the machinery and space for passengers and crew of a new English dirigible balloon are contained within it, the idea being to overcome wind resistance.

NEW TROOPS INTO MEXICO

Badly Needed to Connect the Lengthening Line of Communication

WHEREABOUTS OF VILLA STILL UNKNOWN

It Is Believed He Is Still Pushing Far to the South and That Gen. Funston's Problem Is Growing Extremely Difficult.

EL PASO, April 4.—With Francisco Villa's whereabouts unknown the campaign of his American pursuers now scouring northern Chihuahua increases in difficulties. New troops have been ordered into Mexico to the military base to protect the lengthening line of communication. Villa has been reported at many points within the broad zone that ranges from the Rayon country to the Benito district. Army men here believe that as Villa moves southward with his trail well covered it will be necessary to establish new army bases and strong guards along the line of communication. Large reinforcements of American troops will be needed, the military authorities say.

A report here today from Mexican sources supported the story brought from the interior yesterday by a Mexican to the effect that Villa with a few of his most trusted followers was far to the south of Saltillo and nearing Parral.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 4.—Convinced that Villa is south of Chihuahua city and is continuing his flight, General Funston faces a difficult problem today in arranging to carry the campaign still further into the interior of Mexico.

Official admission of the belief that Villa has fled far beyond the American forces and now is operating south of Chihuahua city was made at General Funston's headquarters today.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Gen. Funston advised the war department today that he was sending more troops into Mexico from Columbus to protect the line of communication with Gen. Pershing. He did not state whether additional troops had been sent forward to the military base. So far Gen. Funston has not suggested reinforcements of Gen. Pershing's forces except merely to protect the extended communication line and there was no confirmation today that extensive additions to the fighting column would be required.

Gen. Funston did not state whether some of the troops at Columbus had been sent across the border or whether others had been brought from nearby stations.

Two messages came to the state department regarding the alleged locations of Villa. The department officials believe that from their information it was definitely established that he was headed to the south.

Nineteen Apache scouts and trailers have been ordered from Fort Apache, Arizona, to Gen. Pershing. Capt. Hazard of the 10th cavalry, who was with Gen. Funston when he captured Aguinaldo, left with the scouts for the border today, but he will not accompany them into Mexico. The army censorship today veiled the number and personnel of additional troops which have been sent across the border.

Maj. Gen. Scott, chief of staff, said the Mexican troops had left Columbus two days ago, but no word of the movement had been allowed to leak out. It was believed that the fifth cavalry recently sent was drawn upon.

Private advices seeming to show that Villa has been definitely located south of Chihuahua were received today by the state department and at once turned over to the war department for transmission to Pershing.

HONESTY WINS \$75,000.

New Brunswick Teacher's Sense of Honor Brought Her Legacy.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., April 4.—Miss Ethel Adele Wood of this city has been left a legacy of \$75,000 by a cousin, William S. French of Los Angeles, Cal., who died shortly after winning a legal battle begun by his brother, Stephen French, to have a guardian appointed on the ground that he was incapable of taking care of his estate.

Before his right to the use of the money was established Mr. French, who was 70 years old, read in the newspapers that Miss Wood had returned to the New Brunswick board of education \$200, representing the amount expended by the board for a course of training defective children which she took. Unlike others, Miss Wood felt she was in duty bound to reimburse the board, and this fact so pleased her elderly cousin that he made her his heir.

DELIVERY GUARANTEED.

If Your Reformer Doesn't Come Call "Western Union" and Get One.

In line with its policy of serving the public to the best of its ability The Reformer has made arrangements with the Western Union Telegraph company whereby delivery of The Reformer is guaranteed to all regular route subscribers in Brattleboro.

Hereafter, if the regular carrier boy misses you all that is necessary is for you to call "Western Union" by telephone and ask to have one of their messengers bring you a copy. This free service is at the disposal of all regular subscribers in the village between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock each evening. Previsions to 6 o'clock complaints of non-delivery should be made to the Reformer office.

MRS. H. A. BINGHAM DIES IN NEW YORK

Former Well-Known Brattleboro Girl. Daughter of E. C. Crosby. Had Complication of Diseases.

Mrs. Edna Sylvia (Crosby) Bingham, 31, wife of Harry A. Bingham, died early this morning in her home at 1000 St. Nicholas avenue, New York city, after an illness of two weeks with pneumonia, followed by a complication of diseases. She had suffered with asthma several years and during the past winter had had frequent attacks. Four years ago she was critically ill in the Memorial hospital for months and later was a patient in Mrs. Richardson's private hospital a long time.

Mrs. Bingham was born in Brattleboro Oct. 19, 1884, a daughter of Edward C. and Emma (Wyman) Crosby, and lived in this town all her life until she married, when she went to Springfield (Vt.) to live, going later to New York. She graduated from the Brattleboro high school in the class of 1903. She married Harry Allen Bingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Bingham, in Brattleboro Feb. 12, 1908. Three children were born to them, two of whom survive, Mary Sylvia, 7, and Allen Irwin, 2.

Mrs. Bingham united with the Centre Congregational church in 1902, later taking her letter to a Presbyterian church in New York. She leaves besides her husband and two children, her father, E. C. Crosby, and step-mother, and four brothers and one sister, Henry H. of Brattleboro, Frank W. of Cleveland, Ohio, Allyn J. of Springfield (Vt.), T. Warren of Brattleboro, and Mrs. Helen Basso of Brattleboro.

The funeral arrangements have not been made, but it is expected that the body will be brought here tomorrow. E. C. Crosby and Mrs. Charles F. Bingham went to New York this morning.

Mrs. Bingham had a large circle of friends among the young people of this town, and the cheerful disposition which had won them remained with her during a long period of ill health.

BARBER FIRM SUES ON HOOKER NOTE

Lawyers Seek to Recover \$5,000—Note Given to C. D. Whitaker and Made Over to Plaintiffs.

Entry was made yesterday afternoon in the office of the county clerk of a suit brought by H. G. & F. E. Barber against Mary G. and James F. Hooker to recover \$5,000 on a note.

This is the suit which first came to the attention of the public when the Hooker property at the corner of Main and High streets was attached before the papers transferring it to John B. Manley could be recorded. This attachment was later released with the understanding that a part of the purchase price should be devoted to reducing the mortgage on the Hooker building on Main street, which also was attached. The specifications of the suit state that the plaintiffs seek to recover only on the note of \$5,000, which was given by Mary G. and James F. Hooker at Schenectady, N. Y., July 25, 1910, to Charles D. Whitaker and made over to him to H. G. & F. E. Barber.

DEAD ENGINEER BLAMED.

Curtis Ran by Signals, Causing the Wreck at Milford, Conn.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 4.—The failure of Engineer W. R. Curtis to obey the signals set against him was the primary cause of the rear-end collision of passenger trains near Milford on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad on February 22, according to the finding of the Connecticut public utilities commission, announced here yesterday. Curtis was engineer of the special train which ran into the rear of the Connecticut river express, westbound, causing a loss of 11 lives. The express had been stalled by a broken air hose.

The finding refers to the wrecks at Bridgeport, Westport, Stamford, and North Haven, all within the last few years, as having been like the Milford wreck, "largely if not entirely due to man-failures," the engineers having run by signals set against him.

THE WEATHER.

Probably Rain or Snow Tonight and Wednesday—East Winds.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Probably snow or rain tonight and Wednesday. Fresh east winds.

HAVERHILL MOB QUELLED

Ten Thousand People Surged Around the City Hall Until Midnight

ATTACKS MADE ON SEVERAL DWELLINGS

Trouble Started Over Plans for Address on Sectarian Questions—Police Helpless for a Time and Mayor Called Out Troops.

HAVERHILL, Mass., April 4.—A trail of broken glass was the only visible evidence remaining today of the disturbance of last night when a mob held the city in its power for several hours and smashed windows at will.

The fury of the crowd was finally stemmed in the early hours of today and before daylight the streets were deserted. The cause of the riot was the objection of many citizens to the granting by the city government of a permit to Thomas A. Leyden of Somerset to deliver an address in the city hall on sectarian questions, particularly regarding state appropriations for sectarian schools.

Leyden started to give this address Sunday night but demonstrations in the hall forced a postponement. Last night an audience gathered in the hall where Leyden was prepared to speak. Before he could begin an immense crowd had formed about the building and became so threatening that the meeting was abandoned. Leyden, it was learned to-day, escaped from the city hall by a rear door while the excitement was at its height. He went by automobile to Newburyport where he spent the night, returning to his home today. Before he left he was advised by the people not to return to the city. Every window in the city building was broken.

The house of Dr. Herbert Wales, about two miles from city hall was visited by the section of a crowd, which broke the windows and is said to have committed other violence. Dr. Wales was interested in Leyden's coming here. The residence of Rev. Franklin Babb, another of the promoters of the meeting, was treated in similar fashion. Part of the crowd went to the home of Alderman Charles Hoyt, commissioner of public safety, and made a demonstration there.

Finding the police powerless to cope with the situation, Mayor Albert L. Bartlett ordered out the local militia company. At midnight the militia were drawn up in front of City hall surrounded by a crowd of more than 10,000 people, many of them shouting threats against Leyden.

Meanwhile acts of violence continued in many parts of the city. The rooms of the National hotel were attacked and the furnishings wrecked. Squads of police were sent to guard the residences of the mayor and other members of the city government. The police station, which is in the basement of the city building, was itself besieged. No arrests were reported.

After the troops appeared the excitement began to subside and gradually the people who had joined in the rioting drifted back to their homes.

INSPECTING FOR SAN JOSE SCALE

State Department of Agriculture Warns Brattleboro People of Necessity of Combating Insect.

The Vermont department of agriculture is again endeavoring to call the attention of people in Brattleboro to the urgent necessity of combating the San Jose scale insect. As has been previously pointed out, the pest is fully established throughout the village and a large part of the town. It is, therefore, of interest to everyone owning fruit trees to take the immediate precaution of spraying between the leaves come out, with lime-sulphur, sealer, or other material for the purpose, all trees worth saving.

Fully as imperative is the need of immediate cutting and removal of all fruit trees which are of no value. By allowing worthless apple trees to remain scattered about, every opportunity is offered for the breeding, not only of San Jose scale, but scores of other dangerous pests, including gypsy moths, brown-tail moths, tent caterpillars, codling moths, canker worms, etc., also the tree diseases.

These measures should by no means be delayed until the presence of the insect is manifest by its work. A few scattering scales may be on the twigs this year, and though inconspicuous now, will become very much in evidence another season if the tree is left unsprayed. The possible progeny of one overwintering female in a season counts up into the millions.

The department believes that there are no orchards in this town, excepting in the extreme west end, in which there is not considerable likelihood of the insect being present.

H. L. Bailey, assistant to Commissioner Brigham, in charge of insect suppression, is in town this week for the purpose of inspecting for further spread of the insect since last season. He will be glad to render any assistance possible in the way of inspection or information in the matter to those desiring it. He is staying at the Brooks House.

HARLAN P. FARR DIES IN PUTNEY

Was Prominent and Successful Farmer, Former Town Official and Representative in Legislature.

Harlan Page Farr, 80, for the greater part of his life one of the most successful farmers in southeastern Vermont and a man who had been prominent in the official affairs of his home town, Putney, died in his home yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. He had been seriously ill about two weeks.

Mr. Farr was born in Windham, April 10, 1836, and would have been 80 years of age this month. In early childhood he moved to Westminster with the family of his father, Ivah N. Farr. At the age of 15 years he was a salesman for silk between the times of greatest activity on his father's farm.

When he was 20 years old he bought his father's farm and went to farm. He married, at the age of 22, Lucetta M. Whitney of Westminster and during the war he bought a fine farm of 200 acres near Westminster lower street, which was his home for 18 years.

He continued to buy farms and at one time owned some 1,300 acres in the Putney meadows, and was one of the best farmers in the section. He made it a practice for years to grow several acres of tobacco and was interested in sheep raising.

He had been honored by his fellow townsmen with election to most of the offices within their electoral gift. He served the town as representative in the legislature in 1886. He served four terms as first selectman and was elected lister many times. He was an upright business man who had the respect and esteem of all who knew him.

Mrs. Farr died in 1897, leaving two children. They are Frank H. Farr of Westminster, like his father a successful farmer, and Mrs. Milan Mason of Springfield, Mass.

Mr. Farr leaves also his second wife, who was Mrs. E. Louise Perry of Champlain, N. Y., one brother, Robert, of Westminster, and two sisters, Mrs. Ellen Whitney of Putney and Mrs. Sarah Finton of Dakota.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 10:30 o'clock at the house, Rev. Mr. Davis officiating. The burial will take place in Putney.

SURE SHACKELTON REACHED THE POLE

First Officer of the Aurora Tells of Perilous Voyage—Ship Crushed in the Ice.

DUNEDIN, New Zealand, April 4.—The steamship Aurora of the Shackleton Antarctic expedition arrived here yesterday. The vessel was in bad condition, having buckled under the pressure of the ice fields.

J. R. Stenhouse, first officer, who is in command of the vessel, told how she had drifted away from the Ross Sea base, where she was awaiting the arrival of Sir Ernest Shackleton after a journey across the south polar regions from the South American side. He expressed confidence that Shackleton had reached the south pole.

Mr. Stenhouse said that he thought Sir Ernest Shackleton would make his trip according to his plans. He said, however, that the party laying depots for the expedition has not been able to send supplies as far south as Cape Beaufort, as originally planned.

After six weeks in the ice pack of the Ross sea, the officer said, the grinding ice damaged the ship severely, and the party on board had almost decided to leave her, after appealing by wireless for a rescue ship, and go on shore. Then the ship broke adrift with the ice pack, and although every hauser and anchor on board was used the ship lost them all.

As the ship drifted away those on board the boat could see the lights of the hut in which the shore party was staying. Mr. Stenhouse said that he hoped to be able to go back with the crew of the Aurora to take off those left ashore.

The explorers had been entirely cut off from the outside world for 17 months and were eager to hear the war news.

MRS. ELLEN ANDERSON MCGOUGH.

Former Brattleboro Young Woman Dies in Hospital in Springfield.

Mrs. Ellen Anderson McGough, formerly of Brattleboro, wife of Edward McGough of Springfield, Mass., died this morning in the Springfield hospital, Springfield, Mass. Mrs. McGough gave birth to a daughter two weeks ago in the hospital and pneumonia developed a week later. She leaves, besides her husband and infant daughter, her mother, Mrs. Michael Duggan and step-father, two brothers, George and William Anderson, both of Brattleboro, and two half-brothers and a half-sister, Edward and Timothy Duggan and Katherine Duggan. She was born in this town and attended St. Michael's Parochial school, after which she attended Mount St. Mary's school in Burlington. She married Edward McGough September 7, 1911, in Springfield, Mass., where she had since made her home. Mr. McGough is a mason and contractor. Mrs. McGough's father was killed in Athol, Mass., several years ago. Mrs. McGough was a young woman of attractive personality. She was a niece of John Anderson of Philadelphia, formerly of this town, a millionaire copper mine owner.

FOUND GOODS STOLEN JAN. 2

Deputy Sheriff W. E. Howe of Wilmington Arrests Tony Alaviro

TWO OTHERS LEAVE TOWN SUDDENLY

Articles Taken from O. O. Ware's Store Identified—Other Property Found Not Owned by Mr. Ware—State's Attorney Leaves Today.

State's Attorney O. B. Hughes was called to Wilmington this afternoon to represent the state in a burglary charge against Tony Alaviro, who is suspected of having entered the general store of O. O. Ware of Wilmington Jan. 2. A hearing will be held tomorrow.

Alaviro is being held by Deputy Sheriff Walter E. Howe of Wilmington, who became suspicious that Alaviro knew about the burglary and who searched the man's tenement and found about 25 heavy college sweaters, which were not taken from Mr. Ware's store, also several watches and other articles which have been identified as being Mr. Ware's property.

On learning that Alaviro was arrested, Steve Brazors, who lived in the same tenement, left his work at Mountain Mills and has not been seen since. Deputy Sheriff Howe is looking for him, needing him as a witness.

Brazors is five feet eight inches tall, weight 160 pounds, has black hair, is smooth shaven and when he left he wore working clothes in which he had been doing cement work.

Frank Ayduk, brother-in-law of Alaviro, also left Wilmington yesterday afternoon for Little Falls, N. Y., and had a trunk checked for that place. Officers in Little Falls have been asked to secure the trunk and arrest Ayduk.

The fact that the sweaters found were not taken from Mr. Ware's store leads to the suspicion that they may have been taken wrongfully somewhere else. At the time of the Ware store burglary other sweaters, rings, watches, woolen shirts, union suits, etc., to the value of over \$200 were stolen.

BRATTLEBORO MEN INTERESTED IN OIL

Communicate with South Hadley Falls Officers Following Discovery of Oil in That Town.

The Springfield Union this morning under date of South Hadley Falls, Mass., had a story to the effect that E. W. Gibson of Brattleboro was anxious to have a chance at developing an oil field in that town where a few days ago traces of oil were discovered working up through the ground.

Mr. Gibson said today that he had not had any conversation with anyone in South Hadley Falls, but that E. C. Crosby had telephoned the selectmen of that town saying that he and Mr. Gibson had been interested in the development of an oil well near Brattleboro and might be glad to look over the prospects in that town. He said that Mr. Crosby told the selectmen over the telephone that if there were any developments they might notify either him or Mr. Gibson and that they might inspect the prospect. Mr. Crosby is in New York.

AUDIENCE MUCH PLEASED.

Jere McAuliffe Company Showed Marked Ability in Opening Show.

In the Auditorium last night a good sized audience greeted Jere McAuliffe and his clever company in which he styles "a musical revue with a little of everything that's good." That the artists were clever and the menu provided good was evinced by the hearty applause given each number, which increased as the show proceeded. Every member showed marked individual ability, Mr. McAuliffe standing out prominently, but not so strongly as to overshadow the good work of the others. Especially did the work of the Maple Leaf quartet find favor with the audience.

Tonight the offering will be My Uncle from Japan, a musical comedy with a flavor of the Orient. Mile. Oterita and Sig. Cestina will be featured in their Spanish dance and will wear their celebrated costumes costing considerably over \$400 each and said to be among the best specimens of spangle work in this country. Matinee performances are given each afternoon and the bill is changed daily.

BRATTLEBORO LOCAL.

The buying public of Brattleboro will be interested in the announcement that the entire stock of the O. J. Pratt store has been placed in the hands of G. W. Groves & Co. of Buffalo for quick disposition. The store is now closed in order to give the selling agents time to arrange the stocks for the big markdown. The Pratt store is one of the oldest on the street. The block which it occupies was recently sold to the Woolworth corporation, who will take possession July 1, thus making the closing out of the Pratt stock an immediate necessity.